

Application No. 10/695,921

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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. The instant non-final Office Action was mailed on August 11, 2005. The Office Action rejected Claims 1-4, and 8-20 and objected to Claims 5, 6 and 7.

This timely response was filed on November 9, 2005. Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled, and Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13, and 14, have been amended to further clarify the invention. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Objection To Claims 5, 6, and 7

The Office Action has indicated that the objected to claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Office Action further stated that the none of the prior art of record teaches or discloses a circuit for producing a reference voltage with a third current source to extract a drained current from the intermediate node.

In response, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter as disclosed in dependent Claim 5 and intermediate Claim 4. Thus, amended independent Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Also, since independent Claims 10 and 14 have been amended to be somewhat similar to amended independent Claim 1, albeit different in some ways, these two claims are also in condition for allowance.

USC 102 Rejection To Claims 1-4 and 8-20

The Office Action has rejected Claims 1-4 and 8-20 under 35 USC 120(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,232,829. The Office Action found that each element of these rejected claims were anticipated by this prior art reference. However, since each of independent Claims 1, 10, and 14 have been amended to include allowable subject matter, this rejection is now

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moot. Furthermore, pending dependent Claims 2-4, and 7-9, 11-13, and 15-20 are also allowable for at least the same reasons as the respective amended independent claims upon which they depend.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is now in condition for allowance. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney as listed below.

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